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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 25th January 2025

MP Yaduveer to inaugurate Centre of Excellence at VVCE

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&VNS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will inaugurate the 'Enventure Autodesk Centre of Excellence' at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) campus here on Jan. 27 at 9 am.

Addressing the media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, here on Thursday, Anil Sivadas, CEO and Director of Enventure Engineering, said, "Enventure Autodesk Centre of Excellence marks a pivotal step in our expansion into Tier 2 cities, aligning with the Karnataka Government's BEYOND BENGALURU initiative. This facility will focus on designing high-rise buildings, stadiums, hotels and hospitals for American clients, while also generating significant local employment opportunities in Mysuru."

"The new facility at VVCE, established in collaboration with the college, will provide specialised training for both students and faculty on advanced tools and technologies. It also aims to create career opportunities for electrical, civil and mechanical engineering graduates, further fostering local talent and strengthening the local economy," he said.

VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda said, "Last year an MoU was signed with Enventure. Following this, Electrical, Civil and Mechanical engineering students, in their seventh semester, are offered internships with stipends. Each year, around 30 to 35 students are recruited into full-time roles with competitive salaries after completing their internships and degrees."

V. Murali, Manager (Administration), Enventure Engineering, was present at the press meet.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A PARTY IN SEARCH OF A NARRATIVE: *Many of the problems that have weakened and debilitated the Congress were on display at Belagavi. The party has, through decades, suffered much from the rule of a family and the glorification of its members. This was in evidence when the party's President and its most senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge described Priyanka Gandhi as a symbol of Stree Shakti and compared her to the Rani of Jhansi and Kittur Chennamma. Rahul Gandhi who is no longer a young man was described as the symbol of Yuva Shakti. The deification of leaders will not help a party in a democracy and can only expose its lack of ideas and organisational strength. If the Congress wants to effectively challenge the BJP, it needs to present to the people an alternative and better vision that appeals to them and convince them of its ability to implement it. It will also have to see if the issues and the slogans that it raises help it to connect with the people. Mere criticism of the BJP and the presentation of an anti-BJP platform will not be enough.*

The Congress will also have to be realistic about its strengths and weaknesses; it should position itself on their basis and form its strategies accordingly. It has recently lost elections in two States and its position in the I.N.D.I.A bloc, the major Opposition grouping, is under challenge. It is still the largest national party after the BJP and has a presence in all the States. There are many issues, including the state of the economy, on which it can take the fight to the BJP. But it should consider whether its policies and activities, including the Belagavi rally, and its messaging and strategies will help it to do that.

— *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Robot stuns internet with its walking ability

Beijing: Robotics startup Engine AI recently launched a new humanoid robot that stunned everyone with its natural human-like gait which many attributed to CGI.

Last October, Engine AI unveiled the SE01, its most advanced humanoid robot yet. Featuring an advanced end-to-end neural network system, the SE01 robot learns to walk like a human in a simulation, getting feedback for how well it does and constantly improving over time. It is powered by dual processors from Nvidia and Intel and features three stereo cameras that help it navigate and interact with complex environments.

The SE01 robot blew everyone's mind when it was unveiled last year to the point where many were wondering if it was real or computer-generated.

The most incredible silicone statues

Shanghai: Infinity Studio, a Shanghai-based company specialises in hyper-realistic silicone statues and busts based on popular movie, cartoon and video characters.

Founded in 2014, the company quickly established itself as the go-to source for the most realistic-looking statues and busts of pop-culture characters, securing licenses for popular franchises like Dragon Ball, Batman, Wonder Woman, Predator, as well as Chinese culture classics like Romance of the Three Kingdoms.

Although some of its most impressive works such as the silicon statue of Bruce Lee sell for thousands of dollars, you really get what you pay for!

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kidney disease is not rare. As per the recent data, 1 in every 10 adults suffer from chronic kidney disease across the globe.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P. T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Pre-paid Autorickshaw Seva Kendra inaugurated

The Pre-Paid Autorickshaw Seva Kendra, set up by Rotary Central Mysore near city Railway Station Circle was inaugurated on Jan. 21. Picture shows Rotary Assistant Governor Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath, Traffic Inspector Rekha Bai, Sub-Inspector Nagaraj, Rotary Central President Rtn. Subramanya R. Tantri, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Samarth Vaidya, Community Service Director Rtn. S.R. Swamy and others.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

The lecturer entered the class room, took his place, glanced at the students and said: "I will lecture today on liars. How many of you have read the 36th Chapter?" Nearly all the students raised their hands. "That's fine. You are the group of whom I wish to speak. As a matter of fact, there is no 36th Chapter!"

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Jumbos hold up traffic on Mysuru-Ooty Highway!

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&BCT)- An unexpected traffic jam lasting nearly an hour disrupted the Mysuru-Ooty National Highway-766 near Bandipur in Gundlupet taluk last evening. The gridlock occurred when three elephants gathered to feast on broken rice accidentally spilt on the road by a goods vehicle.

The incident caused vehicles to queue up on both sides of the road, stretching over 2 kilometres and severely disrupting traffic flow. Motorists expressed frustration, citing repeated instances of elephants blocking the highway and criticised the Forest Department for failing to address the issue. Such incidents highlight the challenges of managing wildlife and vehicular movement along this busy route, which passes through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Bangalore Palace land row

Cabinet to promulgate Ordinance to bypass TDR

Bangalore Palace (Utilisation and Regulation of Land) Ordinance, 2025 gives full control to the Government

Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (KMS &BCT)- In a significant move, the Karnataka Cabinet last evening decided to promulgate an Ordinance allowing the Government to forgo the Rs. 3,011.66 crore Transferable Development Rights (TDR) payment mandated by the Supreme Court to the erstwhile royal family of Mysore.

Titled the Bangalore Palace (Utilisation and Regulation of Land) Ordinance, 2025, this measure comes amidst a contempt case in the Supreme Court, which had, on Dec. 10, 2024, directed the Government to provide the TDR within six weeks.

If approved by the Governor, the Ordinance will temporarily halt the acquisition of the Palace land. Furthermore, it allows the Government to limit compensation to Rs. 2.3 lakh per acre instead of the Supreme Court's directive, which equates to nearly Rs. 200 crore per acre under the TDR guidelines.

The Ordinance effectively nullifies a previous proposal to issue TDR in exchange for 15 acres and 36 guntas of the Palace Grounds for widening the traffic-clogged Ballari and Jayamahal Roads that lead to the Kempegowda International Airport at Devanahalli.

(See CABINET on page 12)

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar slams Ordinance; Vows legal battle

'Palace land denied TDR while land for Bengaluru Metro project gets 150 percent of market value'

Pramoda Devi

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (SBD&BCT)- Member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, has sharply criticised the Karnataka Government for creating confusion by deciding to issue an Ordinance to acquire Bangalore Palace land without granting TDR.

"We will continue our legal battle if any injustice is done to us. There is no doubt about it. Our predecessors fought for justice, and we will continue that fight," she told reporters at the Mysore Palace last evening.

(See WADIYAR on page 12)

MCC gets new Commissioner

To assume charge on Monday

Shaikh Tanveer Asif

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Effecting a reshuffle of bureaucrats, the State Government on Friday transferred 12 IAS Officers.

According to the transfer orders, Shaikh Tanveer Asif, who was serving as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mandya Zilla Panchayat (ZP), has been posted as the new Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in place of Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, who has been transferred.

(See MCC on page 12)

Holiday

*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Republic Day**. Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated **Jan. 26, 2025 (Sunday).***

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NEWS BRIEFS

Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASK) at Saraswathipuram and Vijayanagar will be closed on Jan. 26 on account of Republic Day, according to ASK Mysuru Centre Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.).

Discourse

Basava Marga Foundation - Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre, Mysuru, has organised a discourse by Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji for addicts and members of the public at the Foundation premises, No.17, KIADB Housing Society, Hebbal Ring Road, at 3 pm on Jan. 26. For details, contact Mob: 88849-51621.

Quiz, workshop

Vasavi Seva Samithi, Mysuru South, has organised a workshop for SSLC, PUC and degree students on the topic 'Focus on Future... How To Face The Examinations' on Jan. 26 at 6 pm at Sri Vasavi Prayer Hall in Vishweshwaranagar. A quiz has been organised at 4 pm. Mukund Guruji, a national level student counsellor, will be the chief guest and will be delivering a lecture at the workshop. National level Yoga enthusiast Tirumala Yoga Prakash, President of Vasavi Seva Samithi Mysuru South Sampath Kumar and President of Sri Vasavi Trust Mysuru South A.R. Nagendra Shetty will be present. [Mob: 98452-25376 or 97384-11401]

Free health camp

The city's HEARt Organisation, in association with Rotary Club of Mysore West, Karnataka State Retired Government Employees Association, Narayana Health and ASG Eye Hospital, will be conducting a free Health Check-up Camp at Ramakrishna School premises in Ramakrishnanagar tomorrow from 10.30 am to 2 pm. [Mob: 93536-30903 or 99453-60830]

Pratibha Puraskar

MCC Employees Co-operative Society will be presenting Pratibha Puraskar at the Old Council Hall on Jan. 27 at 6 pm under the Chairmanship of the MCC Commissioner, according to Society Secretary N. Shivakumar.

Student Hostels

The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from SC community students for admission to Post-Matric Student Hostels run by the Department. Eligible students can apply through the website: ***https://swdhmis.karnataka.gov.in/#/registration*** before Jan. 31. For details, visit the office at Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal. [Ph: 0821-2520910]

Kuvempunagar's Vijaya Bank Circle transforming as Nijalingappa Circle

Development works of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji Circle stopped midway

S. Nijalingappa Circle (Vijaya Bank Circle)

Sri Shivakumara Swamiji Circle

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&DM)- With the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) taking up S. Nijalingappa Circle (Vijaya Bank Circle) development works on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar, the Traffic Police have partially blocked all the four roads leading to the Circle, which has hampered traffic movement on this ever-busy road, with motorists complaining about the severe inconvenience being caused to them by the disruption of the smooth vehicular movement.

The residents in areas close to the Circle also express apprehension about the possible traffic chaos when the Circle is fully developed with the installation of Nandi (bull) statue, which cobbles up a vast space. They also question the necessity of developing the Circle further, when the Circle has already become popular and traffic regulatory measures are in place.

The roads near the Circle have been partially blocked to facilitate execution of works, which commenced only yesterday. The works being taken up include expansion of underground drainages and sewers and other permanent civil works.

The MCC, which has named the Vijaya Bank Circle as S. Nijalingappa Circle (a former Chief Minister of Karnataka), has taken up beautification, along with development of the Circle at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

The tender has been awarded to a contractor by name Kantharaju of Mysuru and the works are expected to be completed in a year.

Though the Circle has been named as S. Nijalingappa Circle, the Circle will not have a statue of the late former Chief Minister, but a statue of Nandi along with a plaque inscribed with the logo of the MCC.

The MCC at its Council Meeting when Shivakumar was the Mayor had approved the beautification and development of the Circle.

Just a further distance away from the Circle on Vishwamanava Double Road, there is another Circle named after late Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. This Circle is located at Jagadamba Petrol Bunk junction, where four roads from different directions intersect each other.

The MCC, which had taken up development works of this Circle too a couple of years ago at a cost of Rs. 1 crore, however, abruptly stopped the works about a year ago due to severe opposition from the public, who argued that the development would cobble up a significant space, disrupting smooth vehicular and pedestrian movement and causing severe inconvenience to motorists.

The development of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji Circle was accorded sanction by the MCC Council when Sunanda Palanetra was the Mayor a few years ago.

The residents then had also questioned the need for developing the Circle with the installation of a statue, when a statue of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu already existed in a park adjacent to the Circle.

They also questioned the necessity of having too many Circles with statues in the 8-km stretch of Vishwamanava Double Road, which starts from Kukkarahali Lake junction and ends at Dattagalli Outer-Ring Road junction.

The public argue that installation of statues will occupy much space, which will severely hinder traffic movement, with the number of vehicles hitting the roads increasing by the day.

Commenting on the matter, MCC Superintending Engineer K.J. Sindhu, who is also the MCC Deputy Commissioner (Development), said that the works regarding beautification and development of the Circles were approved by the MCC Council.

The beautification and development works in respect of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji Circle at Jagadamba Petrol Bunk junction was suspended a year ago following severe opposition by residents, who complained of severe traffic and other civic problems.

Pointing out that the development works of S. Nijalingappa Circle has been taken up now at a cost of Rs. 3 crore, she assured that the beautification and other civil works would be done in such a manner as not to disrupt smooth vehicular movement.

Former Mayor Shivakumar, in whose tenure the beautification and development of S. Nijalingappa Circle (Vijaya Bank Circle) was sanctioned, justified the development of the Circle saying that there are a few other Circles, junctions and intersections on Vishwamanava Double Road, named after great personalities.

The development works are being so executed that it will help the residents and the public in the longer term, he added.

Rowdy-sheeter's murder at Palahalli in Srirangapatna

Ten arrested, says SP

Mandya, Jan. 25- Srirangapatna Police have arrested 10 persons on the charges of murdering a rowdy-sheeter at Palahalli in Srirangapatna taluk in the district recently, Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi told media persons at a press conference held here on Friday.

The accused are identified as Manu, 26, Chandan, 21, Jeevan, 19, Mohan, 20, Santosh, 28, Angadi Bharath, 21, Nidde Bharath, 28, Rajesh, 20 and Puneeth, 33, all belonging to Palahalli, while another accused Mahesh, 27, is a vegetable vendor, belonging to Muththugane village, Belur taluk in Hassan district.

Pramod and Abhishek, who are currently lodged in Mandya Central Prison, after their arrest in another case, had hatched the plan over phone with their friends, to murder Supreeth. Another accused, who has suffered bullet injuries, after being shot at by the Police, will be arrested after his discharge from the hospital, added SP Baladandi, saying that, it would take the total arrests made in this case to 13.

Mandya SP Mallikarjun Baladandi

The rowdy-sheeter Supreeth alias Suppi was brutally hacked to death by an armed gang at a farm house at about 10 pm, to avenge the murder of one Prajwal in February 2024.

Following the murder, five teams led by Srirangapatna Town Police Inspector B.S. Prakash had been formed to crack the case. Eight of the accused who were hiding at a farm house in Sakkare town in Chikkamagaluru district were arrested on the basis of a definite clue, while two other accused were apprehended near Mysuru, said SP Baladandi.

Answering to a question on the increase in murder cases and menace of rowdy elements in KRS Police station limits, SP Baladandi said, it is being mulled to open a rowdy-sheet against anti-social elements. That apart, we will be monitoring whether they are active on social media and their movements, especially in groups and exerting influence if any.

Besides, Police patrolling will be intensified in this part of the taluk, said SP Baladandi.

So far, three murders have been reported in this part of the taluk, with the reasons being old enmity between two gangs and the act of vengeance. Suitable measures will be taken within the ambit of law to tackle such activities, assured SP Baladandi.

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic mismanagement

Sir,

Apropos the news item **"Non-functional traffic signals in city trigger chaos, danger"** *(SOM* dated Jan. 23), the observations highlighted in the column are indeed accurate. Non-functional traffic signals are causing significant stress for all road users, including pedestrians.

Until the introduction of freebies, the government was consistently paying its service providers as per the agreements executed. However, since the advent of these freebies, the government's finances have become strained. As a result, funds are being diverted from essential services, such as traffic management, to departments responsible for offering these free benefits. This shift is occurring at the expense of public services that ensure the safety and well-being of citizens.

While initiatives like free bus travel and free electricity up to 200 units may benefit those living Below the Poverty Line, such measures should not be extended to those Above the Poverty Line. Public resources should be allocated in a way that prioritises those in genuine need.

—K. Chandrahas

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Release of books on Wadiyars

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The two books on Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, edited by Prof. Y.H. Nayakwadi, Senior Professor and Chairman, Department of Studies in History, University of Mysore (UoM), will be released under the aegis of Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Chair, on Jan. 27 at 11 am at Rani Bahadur auditorium, Manasagangothri in the city.

The books titled *Mysore Under Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV: Political, Social and Economic Transition* and *Mysore Under Jayachamaraja Wadiyar: Transition from Monarchy to Democracy* and another titled *Trends in Historiography of Karnataka* will be released by MLA G.T. Devegowda.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will inaugurate the programme. Prof. C.P. Siddashrama, retired Professor, Kuvempu Institute for Kannada Studies (KIKS), UoM, Prof. K. Sadashiva, Senior Professor, Department of Studies in History, UoM and Prof. A. Satyanarayan, retired Professor, Department of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad, will be speaking on the books.

Prof. N. Saraswathi, Visiting Professor, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Study Chair, Department of Studies in History, UoM, will be present.

Prof. Y.H. Nayakwadi will be presiding over the programme.

Karnatak University

Kannada exam postponed

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The first semester Kannada exam (A1KAN4T1) of revised NEP-1 of Karnatak University, Dharwad's Under-Graduate courses such as BA/ BPA(Music)/ BFA/ BSW/ BVA/B.Sc(HM) /BTTM, which was scheduled to take place on Jan.29, has been postponed due to technical reasons. The next date of the exam will be notified in University website *www.kud.ac.in.*

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The Save Sub-Urban Bus Stand lobby writes to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Develop the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand instead of shifting it to Bannimantap

- Bannimantap is not a people-friendly location.
- The new Bannimantap location will create Traffic congestion and chaos in the area used for Dasara activities.
- Present location can be developed with the vacant land available contiguous to it.
- Imaginative and creative planning and execution of the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand by expert architects and urban planners is possible.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (OSR)- The Government's decision to establish a new Urban Bus Stand at Bannimantap at a cost of about Rs. 120 crore has already roused controversy among the stakeholders. The latest one to protest against the location of the new Bus Stand has come from the **Mysuru KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand Ulisi Horata Samithi (Committee to save the existing Sub-Urban Bus Stand)** which wants Sub-Urban Bus Stand to remain where it is by expanding it with the available land around and a new modern architectural plan.

In a letter written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Samithi has explained in detail the reasons for retaining the location of the Sub-Urban Bus Stand where it has been since 1984.

This Bus Stand was reconstructed around 2007-08 under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM) Project along with other new Urban Bus Stands at **1.** Sathagalli, **2.** Naidu Nagar, **3.** City Bus Stand, **4.** Kuvempunagar and **5.** Yelwal at a cost of Rs. 130 crore.

Unfortunately for reasons unknown, among these bus stands constructed 17 years ago under the NuRM project, only **City Bus Stand at K.R. Circle and the Sub-Urban Bus Stand on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road opposite to the People's Park** are operational. All other bus stands are not being put to use at all except probably the Yelwal Bus Stand. The other bus stands with the buildings are being rented out to private companies and for commercial purposes.

No doubt, Mysuru city has grown over the years with the present population at 12 lakhs. In the circumstances, the existing Sub-Urban Bus Stands at Naidunagar, Kuvempunagar and Sathagalli could be used and made operational **as Satellite Sub-Urban Bus Stands as in Bengaluru** to take away the pressure on the main present Sub-Urban Bus Stand. This will serve the people of Srirangapatna, Bannur, Malavalli, T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and H.D. Kote. This will ease the pressure and avoid congestion in the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

In any case, the choice of Bannimantap for the new Sub-Urban Bus Stand is fraught with many problems for stakeholders who are the users of buses that will be operated from this location.

The main stakeholders of the Sub-Urban Bus Stand are **1.** General public, **2.** College students, **3.** Patients who go to hospitals, **4.** Those who travel by train to other places, **5.** Farmers from villages, **6.** Those who want to visit the Revenue Offices like of the Deputy Commissioner, Tahsildar etc., **7.** Government employees and more importantly the tourists. These stakeholders would like to have the public transport system like the Sub-Urban Bus Stand at a centrally located place like the one we have opposite to the People's Park on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road.

The present Sub-Urban Bus Stand is ideally located, as all the places the stakeholders would want to visit are at equi-distance. As such from the bus stand it will not cost much money to take an autorickshaw or a taxi to the stakeholders' destinations nor much time. It is universally accepted that all government offices including public transport should be such that the members of the public should not be put to inconvenience and extra expense.

Bannimantap, the location chosen for the new Sub-Urban Bus Stand, is certainly not a public-friendly location for reasons that have already been published in the Mysuru local newspapers. As for the population, it is only about 15 percent of the city's population that reside in the North of Mysuru where Bannimantap is located.

The density of population is about 85 per cent towards the South, East and Western part of the city. Most of the government offices, the Zoo, the Palace, Chamundi Hill, Devaraja Market, K.R. Hospital, City Railway Station, educational institutions and even the City Bus Stand are all within 2 kms distance from the present location of the Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

Now the question is how can the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand located in an area of 5-acre be developed to meet the future growth of Mysuru for another 50 years. **All things considered, it is possible if the government examines the lands available around this bus stand.**

According to the Samithi, there are plenty of lands available in the People's Park and also the Government Guest House which is abutting to the Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road. Already, the People's Park has been encroached upon by a Public Library, Trin Trin Bicycle Stand, Tonga Stand, MCC Vehicle Parking Area, Taxi Stand, Indira Canteen and a College. Still about 15 acres of vacant land is available at the People's Park.

With so much of land available, contiguous to the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand, the government should consider utilising these vacant lands for developing the Sub-Urban Bus Stand to accommodate more than 2,000 buses daily as is planned now. **All that is required is a good team of architects and planners with imagination and experience in urban planning which will include planning underground tunnels to provide vehicular connectivity to important places — like City Railway Station, Mysore Palace, City Bus Stand, K.R. Hospital and the like.**

The Samithi in its letter to CM Siddaramaiah has requested him to abandon the Bannimantap location for the project by cancelling the tender that has already been floated and prepare a new Detailed Project Report (DPR) for developing the present Sub-Urban Bus Stand on the lands the Samithi has detailed in its letter.

Two bus shelters approved on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway

Near Kodi Shettipura and Siddapura Dhakle villages in Srirangapatna taluk

Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (BCT)- Bus stops have been approved on Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway-275 near Kodi Shettipura and Siddapura Dhakle villages in Srirangapatna taluk, part of the Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency. Mandya MP and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy announced this development.

Responding to Kumaraswamy's request, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, approved construction of bus stops to benefit residents of these villages. The bus stops will be built under additional road safety measures, aimed at ensuring passenger safety and convenience.

In a letter to Kumaraswamy, Gadkari commended his dedication to the development of his Constituency. Kumaraswamy had written to Gadkari on Sept. 19, 2024, requesting approval for bus stops along the service road near these villages.

In his letter, Kumaraswamy emphasised the necessity of bus shelters for villages citing significant benefits they would provide to the local community.

Responding positively, Gadkari, in a letter dated Dec. 30, 2024, confirmed the approval and stated that bids for the construction had already been invited. He assured that tenders will be invited and works will commence soon. He emphasised the Central government's commitment to providing superior facilities for highway users. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is also striving to achieve zero highway accidents by constructing essential facilities.

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Compassion

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Stray dogs have found themselves in the limelight again, this time over the ban on feeding them at Kukkarahalli Lake, a favourite spot for Mysureans who walk there in the mornings and evenings.

The ban, temporarily lifted after protests from stray dog-lovers, has reignited the recurring conflict between dog feeders and morning walkers. It's clear that unless we adopt a pragmatic approach, free of emotional extremism, this issue will persist.

This debate has polarised people into two camps. On one side, some morning walkers sent me dramatic e-mails claiming stray dogs could turn into child-hunting predators.

On the other side, dog-lovers inundated me with 96 e-mails, a kind of digital harassment, I felt. The same e-mails they had sent to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore.

Disappointingly, 93 of these e-mails were identical — a cut, copy and paste campaign that lacked personal stories or practical solutions.

As a dog-lover myself, I found this approach disheartening. Genuine advocacy requires more than forwarding pre-written e-mails.

Ironically, most of these e-mails from 'Concerned Citizens' came from non-Indian citizens' e-mail IDs, mostly from the West.

This prompted me to wonder how these concerned foreigners' own countries manage stray populations. After all, in many Western countries, stray dogs are notably absent.

A report by the *World Society for the Protection of Animals* highlights how stray populations are controlled across Europe:

Cull and control: Five countries, including Albania and Ukraine, rely on culling by municipal contractors.

Catch-Neuter-Release (CNR): Practiced exclusively in Greece and to some extent in countries like Italy and Bulgaria, this approach has faced criticism, with pet owners dumping unwanted dogs in areas where strays are fed.

Shelters and euthanasia: Most European nations hold strays in shelters for a statutory period (3 - 60 days), after which unadopted dogs are euthanised.

In the United States, a country known for its love of dogs, has euthanised an estimated 3,90,000 stray dogs in 2024.

Similarly, in England, about 21-25 dogs were euthanised daily in 2024. And in India….? ZERO — Not a single stray dog has been euthanised.

The irony is palpable. Many foreign individuals advocating for stray dogs in India might overlook the practices in their own countries.

Maybe it's time to cut, copy, paste and send the e-mails they sent to our Vice-Chancellor with the threat of legal recourse to their own administrators.

Feeding stray animals might seem compassionate, but when done without structure or foresight, it creates unintended consequences.

Stray dogs fed in the same location often become territorial, viewing the feeding area as their domain.

This territorial behaviour can escalate into aggression toward people or other animals entering the space.

When strays are fed in groups, they form loose packs, reinforcing their territorial instincts.

This increases the risk of conflict, especially in public spaces with high foot traffic, such as parks or school zones.

The Animal Welfare Board of India has issued clear guidelines for feeding stray dogs responsibly:

1. Feeders are encouraged to participate in sterilisation and vaccination efforts because the dogs trust them.

2. Feeding should be avoided near areas where children play or people take walks or that are otherwise crowded.

3. Feeding spots should be kept clean, with all leftovers cleared to avoid littering.

4. Feeders should maintain records of the dogs' vaccination and sterilisation status to share with authorities.

Unfortunately, very few feeders adhere to these guidelines. Feeding strays without taking responsibility for their long-term welfare — such as sterilisation and healthcare — can exacerbate the stray dog issue rather than alleviate it.

India holds the dubious distinction of having the world's highest stray dog population, the most stray dog attacks and the highest number of rabies deaths.

While we have eradicated diseases like polio and managed to control AIDS, rabies remains a persistent threat. Managing stray dogs is essential to achieving the World Health Organisation's goal of ending rabies by 2030.

This isn't a binary debate about feeding or not feeding stray dogs. The solution lies in collaboration between dog-lovers, morning walkers, municipal authorities and NGOs:

1. Promote sterilisation programmes: Fund organisations like PFA (People For Animals) and local animal welfare groups to ensure widespread sterilisation and vaccination.

2. Designated feeding zones: Authorities should establish specific feeding areas, away from public walking routes and busy streets, with designated feeding times.

3. Educate and regulate: Dog feeders must be educated about responsible feeding practices and strict rules should be enforced to ensure compliance.

4. Encourage adoption: Promote indie dog adoption through awareness campaigns. Every adoption reduces the number of strays on streets.

5. Public awareness: Conduct programmes to educate communities about dog behaviour and the importance of coexistence.

While the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act of 1960 rightly emphasises humane treatment, the Karnataka High Court has made it clear that feeding stray dogs should not hinder public safety.

In 2023, the Court observed: *"Duty is cast upon such citizens (dog feeders) to ensure that the feeding activity shall not cause hindrance or health hazard to their fellow citizens."*

It's essential to strike a balance. Compassionate acts should not compromise urban harmony or public safety.

Extremist attitudes on both sides — whether it's unyielding dog-lovers or overly alarmist walkers — only serve to escalate tensions.

For now, a practical step would be for the University of Mysore to designate specific feeding zones and times, keeping these areas away from walking paths and busy periods.

Meanwhile, both walkers and feeders can direct their energies toward pressing the Mysuru City Corporation to better fund sterilisation and vaccination programmes.

Ultimately, the goal should be to reduce the stray population through humane methods while fostering coexistence.

It's not about choosing between dogs and people — it's about ensuring a better, safer environment for both. Compassion must always come with responsibility and pragmatism.

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Lorry crashes into lamp post on Dewan's Road

Driver lost control over vehicle after he suffered seizures

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&VNS) - A lorry collided with an ornamental electrical lamp post after hitting the median on Dewan's Road this morning. According to the Police, the incident occurred at around 10 am when Raghavendra, the driver of the lorry (KA-09-A-3642), travelling towards Sringar Hotel from Gayathri Bhavan, suddenly suffered seizures.

This caused him to lose control of the vehicle, which rammed into a heritage lamp post installed on the median. The lamp post prevented a potentially disastrous accident, as the lorry stopped immediately upon impact.

Without it, the lorry could have veered into oncoming traffic or hit the shops on the opposite side of the road. The accident disrupted vehicular movement on Dewan's Road for about half an hour.

Former Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and Congress leader Rani arrived at the scene, expressing concerns about heavy vehicles being allowed on Dewan's Road. They questioned Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamatha, who stated that efforts were being made to restrict heavy vehicles on the road. However, some individuals were allegedly using their influence to bypass these restrictions.

The Police later removed the lorry from the spot and moved it to the Devaraja Traffic Police Station. The owner of the lorry was instructed to repair the damaged lamp post at his expense. The Police also reported that the driver, due to the seizures, was unable to recall the events of the accident.

Yuvaraja College Principal no more

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (RK&DM)- City's Yuvaraja College Principal **Dr. H. Somashekarappa** (61), passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following a heart attack. He had undergone a heart surgery 5 days ago and was shifted to his ward only this morning, when he suffered a massive heart attack and died, it is learnt.

A native of Chitradurga, he remained a bachelor. Born in 1963 at Doddasiddavvannahalli in Chitradurga, he joined Yuvaraja College as a Physics faculty in 1992. He became the College Principal in July last year and was to retire from service in 2 months. Dr. Somashekarappa, who stayed in the University Quarters at Gangothri, lived a very simple life. He had built a house in Vijayanagar and had purchased a new car a couple of years ago and parked it in front of his house. After building the house, Dr. Somashekarappa did not perform 'Gruha Pravesha' (House warming ceremony) nor did he stay in the new house even for a single day. His parked car had got covered by overgrown shrubs and plants because he never used it, it is learnt.

Upon learning of Dr. Somashekarappa's demise, hundreds of college students gathered within no time in the college premises, where his body was kept for some time and paid their last respects to their beloved Principal and teacher. His body was taken by his sister and other relatives to Chitradurga for the conduct of last rites.

National Voters Day at MCC

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BS)- National Voters Day was celebrated at the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Hall of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) this morning.

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary B.G. Dinesh inaugurated the programme. ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju, MCC Deputy Commissioner Dr. Dasegowda, Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary (Planning) B.M. Savitha and Social Welfare Department Joint Secretary Rangegowda were present.

B.G. Dinesh administered the oath on the significance of voting and distributed Voter ID to new voters. Dinesh said, every year such programmes are organised, including during the elections effectively, but still the percentage of voting is relatively low, with 100 percent polling turning a mirage. The voters should introspect themselves. Even though the literacy rate is high, there is still a dip in percentage of people taking part in electoral exercise.

"Earlier, the voters were funding the candidates, embodying the values they practiced, but now the scenario is entirely different, with the voters making their choice on the basis of caste and religion, falling back in practicing the values had inherited from their ancestors," bemoaned Dinesh.

The children have turned into the slaves of social media, the social malaise, from which we should rescue our children. The influence of cell phone is such that, children even refuse to watch TV. We have been educating children so that they secure good marks, but what should be taught is humanitarian values, said Dinesh. "When the holiday is announced to encourage the people to vote, they prefer to go on tour. This is how those who pocket salary in lakhs behave, but prefer to lecture others on voting and blame the system. We should enjoy the moment of voting and the children should accompany their parents to electoral booths," he said.

Dr. Rangegowda said, every year National Voters Day is observed on Jan. 25 to create awareness on the importance of voting.

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Reinstate ban on feeding dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake

NGOs write to Governor saying fragile Lake is a natural habitat for birds, not dogs

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BCT)- A group of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) has appealed to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to intervene and direct the University of Mysore to reinstate the ban on feeding stray dogs at Kukkarahalli Lake premises. The University recently revoked the ban following pressure from animal rights activists and feeders.

Representatives from organisations such as Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Clean Mysuru Foundation, Suraksha Foundation, Kalisu Foundation, Let's Do It Mysuru, Mysuru Travel Association, Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysore, Gandhada Gudi Foundation, Aranya Outreach, Mysuru Memes and Vishwa Hindu Parishad have jointly expressed their disappointment in a letter to the Governor.

They criticised the University's decision to reverse the ban, emphasising concerns about public safety and the Lake's ecosystem.

Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founding Working President of MGP said, "The Governor has only heard one side of the issue, that we are cruelly starving dogs. This is far from the truth. Ten years ago, there wasn't a single dog in the Lake premises, which is a recognised biodiversity hotspot for native and migratory birds. This has been documented in the MGP's coffee-table book *'Namma Kukkarahalli Kere,'* published in 2020."

Explosion of stray dog population

Kukkarahalli Lake, an important bird area, is a natural habitat for birds, not dogs. Feeding has led to a growing stray dog population that threatens the Lake's fragile ecosystem. Once free from dogs, ground-breeding birds like Eurasian Thick-knee and bush-nesting birds thrived.

Now, they face attacks, nest destruction and displacement, causing a decline in bird populations. Instances of dogs chasing migratory birds have also been documented, the letter to the Governor stated.

Wildlife Protection Act

The Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 prohibits the introduction of invasive species that harm wildlife or habitats. While dogs are not alien to India, they are alien to Kukkarahalli Lake. Feeding has disrupted the Lake's biodiversity and allowed dog populations to explode, endangering vulnerable bird species, it added.

Feral dogs are unnatural predators that are considered a threat to any wildlife in a given area and in Kukkarahalli Lake, there have been records of dogs chasing or attacking migratory birds, the NGOs have stated.

The issue of pigeon feeding in Mysuru has highlighted a similar ecological imbalance. Pigeons fed excessively spread pathogens that harm other birds and humans. Both cases demonstrate how human interference through feeding adversely affects biodiversity.

Shenoy added that feeding has also led to safety concerns, with dogs attacking walkers in recent months. "Mysore University did the right thing by banning feeding initially. Unfortunately, they reversed this decision under activist pressure," he rued.

The NGOs urged the Governor to direct the University of Mysore to reinstate the ban on feeding dogs and pigeons, emphasising the need to protect the Lake's biodiversity and ensure public safety.

Signature campaign to restore feeding ban at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BCT)- Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) gathered at Kukkarahalli Lake early this morning to collect signatures in support of banning the feeding of stray dogs and pigeons in the Lake premises. Starting at 6.30 am, the initiative garnered around 300 signatures, with only a small number of individuals (6 to 8) opposing the ban.

According to MGP, the survey represents a random sampling of the community, with most signatories being occasional visitors rather than regular walkers. This overwhelming response — indicating 95 percent support for the ban — aligns with the stance of the University Vice-Chancellor, who originally advocated for prohibiting feeding.

During the campaign, MGP members spoke with a woman who had been bitten by a dog and had to undergo anti-rabies treatment. While she refrained from providing a statement, her experience highlighted the potential risks posed by stray dogs.

They urged the University to reinstate the ban immediately, emphasising that science and public opinion favour the feeding ban. MGP plans to continue the signature campaign tomorrow. They also encouraged citizens to celebrate Republic Day by contributing to the conservation of the iconic Kukkarahalli Lake.

Obituary

A.K. Shiva Roy

Mysuru, Jan. 25- A.K. Shiva Roy (86), a retired MUDA Accounts Officer and a resident of Vasanthanagar Layout on Bannur Road in city, passed away last night. He was a former President of Kodagu Gowda Samaja.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farm (Hemachandra farm) in Vasanthanagar this afternoon, according to family sources.

Kadyamada M. Muthanna

Kadyamada M. Muthanna (92), former Principal of JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, passed away at his residence in Siddarthanagar in city this morning.

His wife Kadyamada Gowri Muthanna (Maneyapanda) had predeceased him in February, 2017. Body will be donated to JSS Hospital as per his wishes, after 3 pm today.

Dr. Y.S. Jayalakshmi

Dr. Y.S. Jayalakshmi (84), retired Professor of Pathology, Mysore Medical College, passed away this morning, at her residence in Gokulam here.

She had served in the Army, in the rank of Captain, serving at Military Hospital, Lucknow and General Hospital, Jammu. After retirement from the Government service, she also worked in Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences at Bellur, Karnataka.

She leaves behind her husband and only daughter, who is in the USA, and a host of relatives.

Last rites will be held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam today, according to family sources.

C.R. Raju

C.R. Raju (78), a retired Chief Engineer of Irrigation Department and a resident of Gayathripuram in city, passed away here this morning. He leaves behind his wife Mylamma, son Shivakumar, daughter Umamaheshwari, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Jan. 26) morning, according to family sources.

Kempamma

Kempamma (65), a resident of Paduvarahalli in the city, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Chikkanna, daughters Sannamma and Prabhavathi and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday.

Rudrani

Rudrani (85), wife of late Jawa factory employee Y.B. Nagaraj and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away here yesterday. She leaves behind her son Dr. Shadakshari Murthy, a retired Veterinary Officer, 2 daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Natasha

Natasha (32), daughter of Basil Martin and Cheryl Martin, residents of KHB Colony, passed away here yesterday following a brief illness. She leaves behind father, mother, two brothers, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Holy Cross Church Cemetery today.

Kamalamma Nagaraj

Kamalamma Nagaraj (94), wife of late Nagaraj and a resident of 4th Main, 17th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, passed away here in the wee hours of Friday due to age-related illness. She leaves behind two daughters and a host of relatives and sons. One of her daughters and a son had pre-deceased her. Last rites were performed yesterday evening.

Parimala Das

Parimala Das (70), wife of Harikatha Vidwan late Nagaraj Das (Bhadravathi), who was residing at her daughter's residence at Dattagalli, Mysuru, passed away at her son's residence in Kengeri, Bengaluru, on Jan. 23. She leaves behind one son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chamarajpet Crematorium in Bengaluru the same day.

Inauguration of Learners' Global School and PU College

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The inauguration of the newly constructed Learners Global School and PU College will be held on Jan. 27 (Monday) at 9.30 am at CA Site #01, Hanchya Main Road, Sathagalli 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

Guruji

Sri Ravishankar Guruji, Founder, The Art of Living, will grace the occasion. MLAs G. T. Devegowda and Tanveer Sait, ex-MLC G. Madhusudan and VVET Secretary Kaveesh Gowda will be the guests of honour. Murali Konareddy, Founder-Director and Madhavi Lata, Founder-Principal, Learners, will be present.

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On the occasion, students will present cultural events. A guided campus tour will also be held.

Free eye check-up camp on Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The Vasan Eye Care along with the Elder Citizens Council, Mysuru, will be conducting a free eye check-up camp on Jan. 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Council's Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram.

Interested may avail of the facility. For details and registration contact Mob: 90352-08712.

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Warning against hiring rowdy elements for loan recovery

CM Siddaramaiah meets Micro Finance Institutions; asks them to adopt fair business practices

Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (KMS & DM)- Amid growing outrage, particularly among the rural population, over the coercive tactics used by Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) for loan recovery, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah convened a meeting with MFI representatives at his official residence, Krishna, in Bengaluru this morning.

Siddaramaiah urged the finance companies to cease forceful recovery measures, threatening tactics and charging interest beyond the permissible limits. He warned of legal consequences for those continuing to harass farmers, women, and other borrowers, stressing that charging exorbitant interest rates is illegal. The meeting was attended by Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, Ministers H.K. Patil, Dr. G. Parameshwara, Krishna Byregowda, State Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, State DG&IGP Alok Mohan and top officials from various departments.

Siddaramaiah questioned the MFI representatives on the steps they had taken to prevent their recovery agents from using force and what actions had been taken against such agents for their violent behaviour.

He also raised concerns about whether the companies had sought prior Court permission before seizing the property of defaulting borrowers, questioning who had given them the authority to take the law into their own hands.

The CM strongly warned against the practice of hiring rowdy elements for loan recovery and asked whether the MFIs had informed borrowers about RBI rules and conditions in their own language, ensuring they understood the terms.

He further inquired why the finance companies had not conducted proper KYC (Know Your Customer) checks before disbursing loans. If these checks had been done, he argued, multiple loans to the same individual could have been prevented, and the aggressive recovery methods would not have escalated to such alarming levels.

Cabinet to promulgate Ordinance

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The Ordinance grants the Government discretionary power over acquiring land for road-widening projects, casting doubt on the future of these much-needed infrastructure works. The dispute stems from the 1996 Mysore Palace Acquisition and Transfer Act, contested in the Supreme Court by members of the royal family. After the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil clarified that issuing TDR at this juncture could undermine the State's position in the ongoing litigation.

"The civil appeals on the 1996 Act are still pending in the Supreme Court. Issuing TDR now would harm the State's interests. Hence, the Ordinance is necessary to safeguard Karnataka's development priorities," Patil stated. The Ordinance provides the Government the authority to partially or wholly withdraw any basic infrastructure project that has been approved by a Court order or a previous government decision, he added.

Palace Grounds valuation

Spanning 472 acres and 16 guntas, the Palace Grounds were acquired under the 1996 Act, with Rs. 11 crore earmarked as compensation, part of which has been paid to the royal family, Patil said. Despite the Karnataka High Court upholding the Act's constitutionality and no Supreme Court stay, the Apex Court, on Dec. 10, 2024, directed the Government to issue TDR for 62,475.27 square metres of land at prevailing guideline values.

The court fixed TDR rates at Rs. 2,83,500 per square metre for Ballari Road and Rs. 2,04,000 per square metre for Jayamahal Road. Patil stressed that fulfilling this order would burden the State with Rs. 200 crore per acre, jeopardising developmental projects, the Minister said.

"If we decide to pay such a quantum of money to a particular family, development works in Karnataka will be hit. This is an enormous financial burden. We cannot allocate Rs. 200 crore per acre for road widening projects. The Ordinance ensures that the State retains the right to decide whether to acquire or use this land. It aligns with the Supreme Court's directives and serves Karnataka's best interests," Patil emphasised.

When questioned on the urgency, Patil cited the prolonged pendency of the case — nearly 28 years — and the absence of any stay from the Supreme Court. He reiterated the Government's constitutional authority to promulgate the Ordinance, terming it supplementary to and supportive of the 1996 Act.

Regarding fate of road widening projects, Patil said, "These projects are not dropped. Further decision will be taken later."

MCC gets new Commr.

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Shariff, a KSMS Officer who was appointed as MCC Commissioner in July 2023, served in the post for one-and-a-half-year, with a break of a few months when he was posted to Vijayapura due to LS polls last year.

Shaikh Tanveer Asif, a 2017 batch Karnataka cadre IAS Officer, is a native of Kalaburagi district. He is likely to assume charge as MCC Commissioner on Monday (Jan. 27).

Son of Retired Police Sub-Inspector Shaikh Yousuf, Asif did his engineering from Bengaluru's M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology. He later appeared for Civil Services exam and qualified for the IAS in 2016 with an all India ranking of 25.

As Mandya ZP CEO, Asif had won the State Election Commission award for the programmes he undertook as part of National Voters Day last year in Mandya.

Meanwhile, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara has been placed in concurrent charge of the post of Mandya ZP CEO, following Asif's transfer.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

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Expressing concern over the lack of clarity regarding the Ordinance, Pramoda Devi said, "We do not know what is in the Ordinance. However, we still have the Supreme Court's stay order on the 1996 Mysore Palace Acquisition and Transfer Act in our favour. We did not approach the authorities for anything. A decade ago, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) offered us TDR for 15 acres and 33 guntas of land for the widening of Ballari Road."

She clarified that TDR is not compensation but merely a certificate that may or may not hold encashment value. "There is a misconception being created that TDR is compensation. However, it is governed by Government's own TDR rules," she said.

'We hold ownership'

She added that all developments so far have occurred with the knowledge of the Karnataka Government. "The Government claims there is no Supreme Court stay, but we hold ownership of Bangalore Palace land. My late husband, Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, and his sisters also share this ownership. Despite road widening, the property remains ours," she said.

The royal family claims 15 acres and 36 guntas of Palace land were used for road widening, and TDR was promised in return. "The BBMP approached us saying the land was required for public need, and we agreed under the condition of receiving TDR. However, the issue went to Court, and in 2014, TDR was approved. The value of the TDR was not fixed at the time, but now they say it's worth Rs. 3,011.66 crore. Had TDR been provided earlier, the amount would not have escalated to this extent. We will continue our legal battle," Pramoda Devi stated.

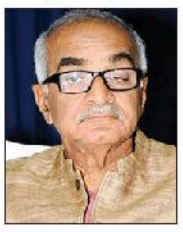
Target Palace

When asked if the Palace is being targeted, she said, "I do not want to comment. People know who is behind this, but I cannot understand why it is being done. We have not caused harm to anyone."

"This began in 1996 with the proposal to acquire Bangalore Palace, and again in 1998 with Mysore Palace. Despite court rulings in our favour, the Government resorted to Ordinance route back then as well. Similarly, while our petition regarding Chamundi Hill is pending, they have formed an Authority to manage it. For Bengaluru Metro project, Govt. pays 150 percent of market value for acquired land. Yet, when it comes to Palace land, they are unwilling to even grant TDR. This lack of consistency is baffling," she added.

State taking Ordinance route is unjust move: Raja Chandra

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BCT)- "The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to take over the entire Bangalore Palace land through an Ordinance. Even this has to have the Governor's signature. This decision comes amidst threat of contempt of Court. Let us see what the Supreme Court says on Feb. 4," said R. Raja Chandra, a member of erstwhile Mysore royal family on the Ordinance route adopted by the State Government.



Raja Chandra

"CM Siddaramaiah has always had a grudge against the royal family. He has never liked the Mysore Palace and has been targeting us continuously. This attitude is not good in a democracy," he remarked.

Raja Chandra emphasised that offering TDR for 15 acres and 36 guntas of Bangalore Palace land used for expansion of Ballari and Jayamahal Roads would have caused no loss to Government while benefiting the public. The Ordinance route to avoid giving TDR and take over Palace Grounds is unjust," he said.

All eyes are now on the Supreme Court's Feb. 4 hearing to determine the fate of the contentious Ordinance and the future of Palace Grounds.

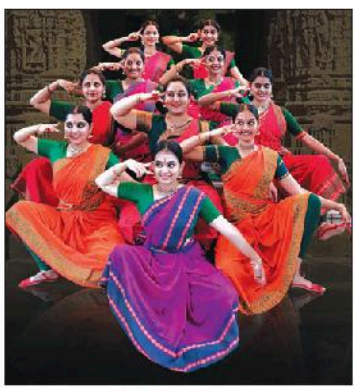
The Supreme Court had initially set a Jan. 22 deadline for the Government to either issue TDR to the royal family or appear in Court. However, the hearing was postponed to Feb. 4 due to the absence of presiding judges. In the meantime, the Government held an emergency Cabinet meeting and decided to issue the Ordinance. We will inform the same to Supreme Court during the next hearing, he revealed.

Raja Chandra further pointed out the inconsistency of the Government's stance, stating, "The Supreme Court ruled on this issue ten years ago. TDR is a widely accepted system in many countries, including India. It is unclear why the Karnataka Government is reluctant to provide TDR and proceed with the road expansion project."

Manjira Mahotsava: 3-day National-level Classical Dance Fest from tomorrow

Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, headed by Vidushi Nagashree Phaneendrakumar, will present "Manjira Mahotsava," a three-day National-level classical dance festival from Jan. 26 to 28 at Ganabharathi's Rama Govinda Kala Vedike, Mysuru, starting at 5.45 pm each day.

The festival will be inaugurated by Vidwan Dr. Satyanarayana Raju, Director of Sanskriti - The Temple of Arts. Vidushi Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director of Nrityagiri Performing Arts Research Centre, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. M.K. Balaraju, President of Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, will preside.



Jan. 26: As part of its tradition, Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre will felicitate distinguished contributors to Indian Fine Arts. Every year, the felicitation is sponsored by Seshukumari in memory of her late husband Tangirala Raghu, a classical vocalist from Mumbai. The honourees are the renowned dance couple Vidwan Shijith Nambiar and Vidushi Parvathi Menon from Tamil Nadu, who will perform after the felicitation.

The evening will continue with a duet Bharatanatyam performance by emerging artistes Vidushi Pooja Sugam and Vidushi Samiksha from Mysuru.

Jan. 27: At 6 pm, there will be an Odissi dance performance by renowned Vidushi Anushree Padmanabha from Mysuru. This will be followed by a Bharatanatyam duet by senior dance gurus Vidushi Sheela Chandrashekar and Vidushi Deepthi Radhakrishnan from Bengaluru at 7.30 pm.

Jan. 28: The final day begins with a solo Bharatanatyam performance by emerging artiste Vidushi Kruthika Thyagarajan from Bengaluru at 6 pm. The concluding session at 7.30 pm features a Bharatanatyam performance by the renowned artiste Vidushi Roopa Madhusudan, founder and guru of Nritya Ganga Pradarshaka Kala Kendra, Bengaluru.

Entry for the event is free and aims to promote aspiring artistes and celebrate the rich heritage of classical dance.

State Govt. announces Rs. 5 lakh reward for Kho Kho Champs

Bengaluru, Jan. 25 (VNS)- The State Government on Friday announced Rs. 5 lakh each for B. Chaithra and M.K. Gautham, who represented Karnataka in the Indian Women's and Men's teams which won the recently concluded first ever Kho Kho World Cup-2025 in New Delhi.

Both, Chaithra and Gautham met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Vidhana Soudha yesterday where they were felicitated in the presence of Mandya District Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy and MLC-cum-Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA) President K. Govindaraju.

Though the announcement of cash reward is welcomed, the question arises: Is Rs. 5 lakh enough for the efforts of the kho kho champs who made it to an international-level without facilities being provided by the State Government? Meanwhile, neighbouring Maharashtra Government has announced a reward of Rs. 2.25 crore each and Class One jobs to each of the players who represented Maharashtra in World Cup. This shows Karnataka government's non-committal attitude towards rural sports.

Hindustani vocal recital by Pt. Sanjeev Abhayankar

Sanjeev Abhayankar *Pt. Vyasmurti Katti* *Pt. Yogish Bhat*

City's reputed music sabha Ragavaibhava is bringing a grand Hindustani vocal concert by Pt. SanjeevAbhayankar for Republic Day (Jan. 26) at 6 pm at Sri Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, Mysuru. He will be accompanied on the harmonium by Pt. Vyasmurti Katti and on the tabla by Pt.Yogish Bhat.

SanjeevAbhayankar, an artiste of international acclaim, hails from the Mewati Gharana. He is an inspiration for the young generation. With his magical singing, he has attracted the young generation towards the Indian classical music. In a career spanning more than 25 years, he has assumed the mantle of a role model of dedication, hard work, patience and perseverance.

Sanjeev started learning music at the age of eight from his mother Shobha Abhayankar, a musicologist and teacher of the Mewati Gharana. Later he learned from Pt. Gagadharbua Pimpalkhare and Pt.Jasraj.

A child prodigy, Sanjeev has recorded over 60 solo albums. He won the National film Award for Best Male Playback Singer in 1999 for his song 'Suno Re Bhaila' from the Hindi film *Godmother* and also the Kumar Gandharva National Award 2008 from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for sustained excellence in the field of Classical arts.

Pt. Vyasmurti Katti was born to Anandteerthacharya and Prema Katti in a family of Vedic scholars. His early music education began under his mother and later under Pt. Ramacharya Bagewadi of Solapur and Pt. Indudhar Nirodi.

A highly sought after harmonium player, Vyasmurti has accompanied luminaries such as Dr. Gangubai Hanagal, Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Pt. Ramrao Naik. After an 8-year career in IT, Pt. Katti left the industry to pursue his passion for music full-time.

Pt.Yogish Bhat is a Hindustani classical percussionist who specialises in tabla and is recognised as one of the finest tabla artistes in India. Yogish was born to a music devoted family at Sagar, Shivamogga. His tabla lessons began at the tender age of four from Vidwan Bhaskar Hedge and later he had his training from Pt. Ravindra Yavagal and Kiran Yavagal. Yogish's keen interest in the Karnatak Tala system has initiated him to learn the same from K.U. Jayachandra Rao.

Embrace an evening of Hindustani classical music with the finesse of Sanjeev Abhayankar and his team.

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SUTTUR JATHRA EVENTS

TODAY (JANUARY 25)

At Gadduge premises — 5.30 pm: Quiz - Topic - Jagadguru Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi; **7 pm:** Yoga Dance by students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru; **7.30 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Shivanrutyam Academy, Nanjangud; **8.30 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. N. Meghana Rao, Sharadadevinagar, Mysuru; **9.30 pm:** Janapada Jaadhu by R. Venkatesh Murthy, Ambarapura, Gubbi.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Bhakta Prahlada' by Sri Madiwalesärwara Kala Sangha, Dhanagalli, Mysuru.

In front of Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Someshwara Kala Tanda, Moodahalli, Nanjangud.

Adjacent to Govt. Primary School — 10 pm: 'Shani Mahatme' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Marudeshwaraswamy Nataka Mandali, Channabasavayyanahundi. T. Narasipur.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Sri Ramambika Kala Sangha, Kothegala, T. Narasipur.

TOMORROW (JANUARY 26)

PUJA - PROCESSIONS AT KARTHRU GADDUGE

4 am: Anujne, Mahasankalpapurvaka Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 am:** Special Puja in the temples of Suttur; **6.30 am:** Geemarahalli - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hosting - Sri Immadi Basavaraja Swamiji, Sri Jadedevara Mutt, Magadi and Sri Gadduge Mutt, Honnudike; Message - Sri Channasiddeshwara Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Tenkalagudu Bruhammutt, Yesalur, Hassan; **8 am:** Abhisheka and Mahamangalarathi to the deity of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji; **3 pm:** Procession of Sri Adi Jagadguru deity from Sri Mutt to Karthru Gadduge; **7 pm:** Karthru Gadduge - Agrodaka Punyaha, Naandi, Kalasha Sthapane.

76TH REPUBLIC DAY AT JSS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PREMISES

8 am: Sri Mahantha Swamiji, Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mahasamsthana Mutt, Devanur and Sri Siddhalinga Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Suryasimhasana Mutt, Vatalu, graces the occasion. Shankar M. Bidari, President, ABVLMS, Karnataka, presides. Flag Hoisting by D.V. Sadanandagowda, former Chief Minister, Venkatarao Nadagowda, Chairman, KOF & former Minister, K. Vivekananda, MLC, Prashanth Kallur, President, Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahavedike, Bengaluru, J.D. Veerappa, Entrepreneur, Surathkal, Mangaluru; V. Sathish Shetty, Partner, V.I. Shetty and Co., Hubballi, Vanaja and Shankar Prabhu Keni, retd. Engineer, USA, Nagaraj H. Shetty, Entrepreneur, Murudeshwara, S. Nishanth, Entrepreneur, Hanur, R. Cheluvaraju, President, MyMUL and Basavaraj B. Kotha, Chairman, RVVS, Kundaragi, Bagalkot, chief guests.

INAUGURATION

4 pm: Inauguration of Exhibition by Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Micro, Small and Media Enterprises; Inauguration of Agricultural Fair by N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Minister for Agriculture; Inauguration of Cultural Fair by R. Ashoka, Leader of the Opposition, Legislative Assembly and former Dy.CM; Inauguration of Health Check-up Camp by Dr. K. Sudhakar, MP & former Minister; Inauguration of Boating by A.B. Ramesh Bandisiddegowda, MLA and Chairman, CESC; A.R. Krishnamurthy, MLA, Kollegal, P. Ravikumar Ganiga, MLA, Mandya, Dr. H. Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru, Allam Veerabhadrappa, former Minister, Dr. C. Somashekar, President, ABSSP and Dilip Parthasarathi, Entrepreneur, USA, chief guests; Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamathana Mutt, Adichunchanagiri and Sri Mahadeva Shivacharya Mahaswamiji, Sri Panchamasali Jagadguru Peetha, Alaguru-Babaleshwara, will grace the occasion; Basavaraja Bommai, MP & former CM, presides.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Gadduge premises — 7 am: Nadaswara; **8 am:** Vachana Gayana - Sri Gayathri Kala Balaga, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru; **9 am:** Bhakti Geete - Sri Mahadeva Swamiji, Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mutt, Channalinganahalli, Hanur; **10 am:** Nagaswara Nadalahari - V. Krishnamurty and team, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru; **11 am:** Janapada Geete - Mallige Kala Tanda, Ittigegud, Mysuru; **12 noon:** Sugama Sangeetha - Dr. K.G. Padmananda, Pettanahalli, Hosakote taluk, Bengaluru; **1 pm:** Janapada Geete - Sri Manteswamy Samskrutika Kala Troupe, Nanjarajapura, Chamarajanagar taluk; **2 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha - Revati Sharma and team, Srirampura, Mysuru; **3 pm:** Bhakti Sangeetha - P. Akash and team, Mysuru; **7 pm:** Bharatanatyam - Kundana Nrutyalaya, Kushalnagar, Kodagu; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam - Dr. Akshata S. Jain and team, Chamarajanagar; **9 pm:** 'Kayaka Tapaswi' Drushya-Natya-Sangama (Life narration of Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji) by Artha Academy, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

At Exhibition premises — 7 pm: Bharatanatyam - H.L. Nagashree, Kumar Layout, Nanjangud; **8 pm:** 'Shivabharana' Dance - Bharathiya Nruthya Sangeetha Academy, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru.

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At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: Trijanma Moksha - Sri Basaveshwara Kala Sangha, Biligere, Nanjangud taluk.

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 25)

Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Karnataka: Swadeshi Mela-2025, **up to 9 pm;** 'Tingalu Mulugidavo - Janapada Geeta Gayana, Vadya Vaividya' by theatre artiste S. Subramanya and Karnataka Janapada Academy Member Devananda Varaprasad, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Janapada Sanje' by Janapada Gurukula, Udupi, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Surabhi Gaana Kalamandira Charitable Trust: Aralu Prathibe, Karnatak music concert by Vidushi Medhini Bhat (Bengaluru), Vidwan Amogha Nadadur (Mysuru) on violin, Vidwan P.S. Sridhar (Mysuru) on mridanga, "Shri Swara," #1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, **4.30 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation: 27th Annual Music Festival, Karnatak Classical Instrumental Music - Violin Duet by Vid. Vittal Ramamurthy and Vid. Srihari Vittal. They will be accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Sanchalana Mysuru: State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Dimple and troupe of Krishne School of Dance; Staging of play 'Aame Kathe' Baa Srishti, Mysuru - children of Mulluru Government School, written by I.K. Bolwar, music by Anush Shetty, directed by Geetha Mohite, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust: Monthly cultural programme, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. K.K. Vaibhavi and team, Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 26)

Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions: 76th Republic Day celebrations, Hootagalli City Municipal Council Commissioner B.N. Chandrashekar hoists National Flag, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar presides, VVS Administrative Board Member S. Shivalingaiah chief guest, Open Air Theatre, Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions, Seshadri Iyer Road, **7.30 am.**

Sri Nataraja Pratishtana - Sri Nataraja Educational Institutions: 76th Republic Day celebrations, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, ex-Serviceman H.S. Nanjundaswamy hoists the National Flag, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, College premises, **8 am.**

District Administration: 76th Republic Day celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa hoists the Tricolour, CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy guests of honour, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose chief guests, Torchlight Parade Grounds, Bannimantap, **9 am.**

Chamundi Children's Home: Hoisting of National Flag, CWC Chairman M. Ravichandra & CCH Vice-President M.C. Nandakumar chief guests, Chamundi Children's Home premises, Brindavan Extension, **9.30 am.**

Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Karnataka: Swadeshi Mela-2025, **10 am to 9 pm;** Ayurveda Health Camp - Dr. Arun Kumar, Ayurveda and Nature Cure specialist, Mysuru, **11 am to 1 pm;** Classical Music - Vocal concert by Vid. Rakesh Iyer and troupe, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Valedictory, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Yakshagana 'Shivapanchakshara Mahime' by Karnataka Kala Darshini, directed by Yaksha Guru Srinivas Sastana, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: 'Sahitya Chavadi' interaction programme, talk by Giridhar Khasnis, a senior Art Writer, Artist, Photographer, Columnist and Curator based in Bengaluru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Art Exhibition: Displaying of traditional art works (Mysore Style, Tanjore Style & Kalamkari) and acrylic paintings by artist M. Akshatha Savithri, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **11 am to 6 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation: 27th Annual Music Festival, Sri Purandara-Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava - Goshti Gayana by renowned Musicians, **11.30 am;** Karnatak Classical Vocal Music by Vid. T.V. Ramprasad, accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Bhoomika Associates and Late Mike Chandru Geleyara Balaga: Madhura Ganamruta - Kannada and Hindi Film Songs of 60s, 70s and 80s as part of R-Day celebrations, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi: Manjira Mahotsav 2025, Vid. Satyanarayana Raju, Director, Sanskruthi The Temple of Art, Bengaluru, Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, chief guest, M.K. Balaraju, President, Sri Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru presides, felicitation to Vid. Shijith Nambiyar and Vidu. Parvathi Menon (a tribute given in the name of late T. Raghu by Sheshukumari, Mumbai), **5.45 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vid. Shijith Nambiyar and Vidu. Parvathi Menon, **6.15 pm;** Bharanatyam recital by Vidu. Pooja Sugam and Vidu. Samiksha Manukumar, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**

Sanchalana Mysuru: Valedictory of State-level Children's Theatre and Folk Arts Festival, staging of play 'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi' by children of Sabbanahalli Morarji Desai Residential School - Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Bengaluru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Raaga Vaibhava: Grand Hindustani Classical Vocal by Pt. Sanjeev Abhyankar, accompanied by Pt. Vyasamurti Katti on harmonium, Pt. Yogeesh Bhat on tabla, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Prameelarjuneeyam,' written by M.L. Srikantesha Gowda, music by Digvijaya Heggod, directed by Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayaana Trust, Mysuru and Nele Hinnele: Staging of play 'Chama Cheluve' by Rangayaana Trust, written by Dr. Sujata Akki and directed by Vikas Chandra, music by H. Nataraju and costumes by B.M. Ramachandra, at a park in E-Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm.** [Mob: 81473-68047]

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	(S-4)	10.40 am, 9.20 pm
Sky Force (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm; (S-4) 4.15 pm
	(S-3)	11 am, 7.05 pm
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South Zone Inter-University Women's Cricket Tournament - 2025

Brilliant century by Yogyasri guides University of Madras to victory

Udvitha, Devika shine for Adikavi Nannaya University

Yogyasri Kosuri

G. Udvitha

Devika Kandregula

CLEAN BOWLED: ***Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University players celebrating after scalping the wicket of the batter belonging to Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences yesterday.***

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (VNS)- A brilliant century by Yogyasri Kosuri (106 runs) guided University of Madras to a massive 341-run victory against Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation at the ongoing South Zone Inter-University Women's Cricket Tournament at Manasagangothri Grounds here yesterday.

Having asked to bat first, University of Madras posted mammoth 392 runs for the loss of three wickets in the allotted 25 overs. Yogyasri, who scored the first century of the tournament, was ably assisted by M.S. Aishwarya with a half century (55 runs). In reply, Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (KLEF) was bundled out for 51 runs in 17.2 overs. Anaswara Santhosh picked up four wickets giving away just six runs for University of Madras.

In the other match at JSS-SJCE Grounds, Adikavi Nannaya University scored an impressive 291 runs victory posting a target of 343 runs against Alagappa University. G. Udvitha (133) and Devika Kandregula (125) were the top scorers for Nannaya University. In reply, Alagappa University could only manage to score 66 runs losing eight wickets in 25 overs. K. Saipoojitha ended up scalping six wickets giving away 24 runs).

RESULTS

Manasagangothri Grounds

University of Madras: 392/3 in 25 overs (Yogyasri Kosuri 106, M.S. Aishwarya 55) beat **KLEF:** 51 all out in 17.2 overs (Anaswara Santhosh 4 for 6).

SDNR Wadiyar Stadium

VTU: 189 for 6 in 25 overs (Solka Kishore 71 runs, A.J. Pravanika 35 not out) beat **Acharya Nagarjuna University:** 69 all out in 25 overs (C.J. Sirri 4 for 17).

Osmania University: 187 for 5 in 25 overs (Akanksha 93, Sakshi Rao 33 runs) beat **Madurai Kamaraj University:** 66 for 8 in 25 overs (Mahima Goud 3 for 6).

At JSS-SJCE Grounds

Adikavi Nannaya University: 342 in 25 overs (G. Udvitha 133, Devika Kandregula 125), beat **Alagappa University:** 51 all out in 10.3 overs (K. Saipoojitha 6 for 24).

Anna University: 84 all out in 25 overs (Dirisha Suresh 26, M.V. Neha 4 for 8, Elza 3 for 11) lost to **University of Kerala:** 88/9 in 20.3 overs (Pavithra 21).

Maharaja College Grounds

Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences: 67/10 in 17.3 overs (Nandini Patel 2 for 7, Jayashree Rajshekar 2 for 3) lost to **Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University:** 71/2 in 6.5 overs (Samruddhi A. Kotyal 27 runs).

Sri Venkateshwara University: 202/5 in 25 overs (M. Anusha 91) beat **Kakatiya University:** 141/6 in 25 overs (K. Hamsa 2 for 17).

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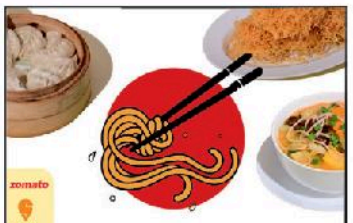

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